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CHAPTER 21

**An Act to establish the
Ministry of Northern Affairs***Assented to July 12th, 1977*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. In this Act,**Interpre-
tation**

(a) "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Northern Affairs;

(c) "Ministry" means the Ministry of Northern Affairs.

2. There shall be a ministry of the public service to be known as the Ministry of Northern Affairs. **Ministry established**

3. The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Ministry. **Minister to have charge**

4. The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act and any Acts that are assigned to him by the Legislature or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. **Duties of Minister**

5.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs who shall be deputy head of the Ministry. **Deputy Minister**

(2) Such officers and employees as are required from time to time for the proper conduct of the business of the Ministry may be appointed under *The Public Service Act*. **Staff**

**R.S.O. 1970,
c. 386**

(3) No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against the Deputy Minister or any officer or employee of the Ministry or anyone acting under his authority for any act done in good faith in the execution of his duty or for any alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of his duty. **Protection from personal liability**

Liability
of Crown
R.S.O. 1970,
c. 365

(4) Subsection 3 does not, by reason of subsections 2 and 4 of section 5 of *The Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, relieve the Crown of liability in respect of a tort committed by a person mentioned in subsection 3 to which it would otherwise be subject and the Crown is liable under that Act for any such tort in a like manner as if subsection 3 had not been enacted.

Seal

6.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize a seal for the Ministry.

Idem

(2) The seal may be reproduced by engraving, lithographing, printing or other method of mechanical reproduction and when so reproduced has the same effect as if manually affixed.

Delegation
of powers
and duties

7.—(1) Where, under this or any other Act, a power or duty is granted to or vested in the Minister, he may in writing delegate that power or duty to the Deputy Minister, or to any officer or officers of the Ministry, subject to such limitations, restrictions, conditions and requirements as the Minister may set out in his delegation.

Officers
authorized
to take
affidavits

(2) The Minister may empower such officers of the Ministry as he designates to administer oaths and take affidavits and declarations authorized by law in Northern Ontario or such part of Northern Ontario as the Minister prescribes in the designation, and each officer designated is a commissioner for taking affidavits under *The Commissioners for taking Affidavits Act*.

R.S.O. 1970,
c. 72

Function of
Ministry

8. It is the function of the Ministry to co-ordinate the activities of and initiate policies and programs for the Government in Northern Ontario, including,

- (a) preparing and recommending Government plans, policies and priorities for Northern Ontario;
- (b) establishing and administering Ministry programs and co-ordinating Government programs and services relating to Northern Ontario;
- (c) advising and participating in the planning and financing of Government programs, services and activities in Northern Ontario provided by other ministries;
- (d) improving the accessibility of the programs, services and activities of the Government of Ontario to the residents of Northern Ontario;

- (e) making recommendations regarding priorities for research of social and economic conditions of all areas of Northern Ontario;
- (f) administering such other programs and performing such other duties as are assigned to it by any Act or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

9. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may make reciprocal arrangements and enter into agreement with, Agreements

- (a) the Crown in right of Canada;
- (b) the government or governments of any province or provinces of Canada; and
- (c) municipalities.

10.—(1) Upon the recommendation of the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish programs for the benefit of the residents of Northern Ontario. Establishment of programs

(2) A program may determine conditions for grants and assistance and conditions under which services are provided by the Ministry and expenses allowed. Conditions for grants and assistance

11. Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may establish advisory committees to the Minister and sub-committees thereto, appoint chairmen and members of such committees and sub-committees, fix the terms of reference of such committees and sub-committees and fix the remuneration and expenses of the chairmen and members of such committees and sub-committees. Advisory committees

12. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1977. Commencement

13. The short title of this Act is *The Ministry of Northern Affairs Act, 1977*. Short title

